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Please enter the amendment shown in red to FIG. 1.

REMARKS

The active claims in this case are claims 1 – 3, as issued in U.S. Patent No. 5,791,693, granted on August 11, 1998. These claims have been amended as set forth above. Claims 4-12 are added herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), a separate paper reiterating the status of the amended and added claims in the present reissue application, and containing an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the original patent for the changes to the claims is filed herewith.

The amendments to FIG. 1 are shown in red. One of the changes represents a retainer ring. The other changes connect the lead lines from element numbers 30 and 32 with their correct locations. An exploded view of the portion of FIG. 1 that is sought to be amended is shown for the convenience of the Examiner; however, it will be understood that Applicant does not wish to alter the size of FIG. 1. Support for the amendment to FIG. 1 adding the retainer ring is found in the originally-filed FIG. 1, which depicts the retainer ring that was inadvertently left out of the formal drawings submitted on April 18, 1998. Support for revising the lead line from element number 30 to correctly point to the rearward shoulder of nut 24 may be found, for example, by comparing the revision to the feature of FIG. 3 to which element number 138 points (see also col. 2, line 66 – col. 3, line 7). Support for revising the lead line from element number 32 to correctly point to the forward shoulder of male sub 14 may be found, for example, by comparing the revision to the feature of FIG. 3 to which element number 136 points (see also col. 2, line 66 – col. 3, line 7).

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10104805/MTG.

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FOOTNOTES